(3) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(4) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(5) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/ individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(6) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(7) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(8) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.

(d) and (e) Highways Traffic Management System (HTMS) has been installed by National Highways Authority of India between km. 162 to Km. 248 on the Kotputli-Amer Section NH-8 with the following facilities;

1. Emergency call boxes at intervals of every 2 km.
2. Close circuit Television Camera at 6 locations.
3. Variable messaging signs at 6 locations.
4. Video incident detection systems.

The extension of the HTMS depends upon the requirement for such system as also the availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

National highways in Orissa

1322. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to take up expansion of National Highways in Orissa at their expense;

(b) if so, how many road kilometres would be expanded in the State to connect the National Highways of other States;

(c) whether the project is moving at a slow pace; and

(d) the steps taken by Central Government to expedite execution of the works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No Sir. There is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Accidents on Delhi-Jaipur and Delhi-Agra Highways

1323. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi-Jaipur and Delhi-Agra highways are the most accident prone of the all highways leading out of the capital;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been done on these routes to know the causes of accidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Road accident data on National Highway-wise basis is not maintained by this Ministry.

(b) and (c) To minimize accidents, all the unauthorized gaps in the medians on Delhi-Jaipur and Delhi-Agra National Highways have been recently closed by National Highways Authority of India and encroachments have been removed on both these Highways.

Condition of NH-91

1324. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether condition of NH-91 is not satisfactory; and

(b) if so, what are Government's plans for its repair, maintenance and development?